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Content/topic/grade: Presentation Tool - Grades K-12	Cost: $1.99	Developer and version: Humble Daisy, Inc. 2.4.2
Available for: iOS only	HOTS: Applying	Website: http://www.sonicpics.com/

Criteria	Exceeding (3)	Accomplished (2)	Developing (1)	Not Meeting (0)
Relevance	- App is ideal for purpose as set out by student and/or teacher - tied closely to curriculum -provides authentic experiences	-appropriate for purpose as set out by student and/or teacher - aligned with curriculum - provides experiences that can be transferred to new situations	-may not be appropriate for purpose as set out by student and/or teacher or - has limited alignment to the curriculum - experiences provide practice that relates to the task	-not appropriate for purpose as set out by student and/or teacher -not aligned with the curriculum - learning is simply rote practice or memorization
Ease of Use	- Customizable in student level, content, and settings - allows for differentiation between user - accessibility options - Tutorials available - intuitive - students can figure out how to use it	- customizable in some ways - has limited ways to differentiate between users - has some accessibility options -contains some instructions if students get stuck - students need limited help to use it	- may not be customizable or - little differentiation - each user experiences the same levels - does not have accessibility options - lacks tutorials or prompts - students struggle to use it independently	- not customizable - no differentiation - no accessibility options - tutorials are not available - too complex for students to use on their own
Functionality	- reliable - no crashes - no advertising - free - updates automatically - safe and secure (FOIPPA)	- App is fairly reliable - no advertising - is free - can be updated - safe and secure (FOIPPA)	- App is fairly reliable - glitches occur - may have ads - limited cost - may not include updates - Parts safe and secure (FOIPPA)	- not totally reliable - crashes regularly - may have ads and/or is not free and does not include updates. - not safe and secure (FOIPPA)
HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)	- highly engaging - promotes critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity	- engaging - promotes some critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity	-somewhat engaging - promotes some critical thinking and/or collaboration,and/or creativity	- not engaging - does not encourage HOTS
Data storage, feedback, and sharing	- history saved - progress reports easy to generate and share - students receive detailed feedback as they use the app	- history saved -progress reports can be generated and shared, but may be a little difficult - students receive some feedback as they use the app	- history may not be saved, and/or - progress reports difficult to generate and share, and/ or -student receive limited feedback as they use the app	-history is not saved -progress reports not available - students do not receive feedback as they use the app

Quick Overview: SonicPics makes digital storytelling fun and easy! Turn your photographs into narrated slideshow movies to share with your family and friends!
Overall Comments/Concerns: Great presentation tool that is easy to use. Use your own pictures, record audio and you are done! Great for step by step directions.

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Students in my class have used SonicPics as a presentation tool. In a few easy steps they can create informative presentations on any topic they are studying. Most recently my students made video tutorials to explain how to find the perimeter, area and volume of different shapes. Students started by taking pictures of our worksheet or of a whiteboard that had the questions written on them in various stages of being answered and then created a voiceover recording explaining how to solve the problem. This app allows the teacher (or reviewer) to check student understanding as they explain how to do something or what they've learned about a topic. All content is kept on the device, so there are no FOIPPA concerns. This app is well worth the price and I would highly recommend it - the results are amazing (and I bought it when it was $4.99 - it's way cheaper now!)

My one concern with this app is in sharing the presentations. I have tried to email, drop box and post recordings with not a lot of luck. The best workaround I have for this is watching the presentations on each individual device (can be onerous).

In this case this app would be used for applying knowledge by creating engaging and informative presentations on content.

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http://www.sonicpics.com/

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